

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see tops of pages 9 and 10 of Applicant's remarks, filed 01/13/10, with respect to claims 17 and 29 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 17 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duff and Hirotoimi has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-19, 22-23, 25, 29-31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The best art of record, Duff and Hirotoimi, fails to teach or suggest: *"wherein the selected average switching frequency is selected to be smaller than a switching frequency necessary to obtain a desired relative frequency error without the frequency divider."*, as set forth in claims 17 and 29.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEVI GANNON whose telephone number is (571)272-7971. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30AM-6:00 PM.

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